

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for conducting an online survey having one or more questions, ~~said the~~ method comprising:
 - maintaining a survey database, ~~said the~~ database comprising ~~said the~~ one or more questions and data identifying a type of input field for each question;
 - receiving a request for a network resource including ~~said the~~ electronic survey;
 - in response to ~~said the~~ request, determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized to respond to ~~said the~~ request;
 - in response to determining that a previously compiled class file should not be utilized to respond to ~~said the~~ request, creating an executable class file capable of generating markup language for displaying ~~said the~~ questions and ~~said the~~ input fields in a web browser;
 - generating ~~said the~~ markup language by executing ~~said the~~ class file; and
 - returning ~~said the~~ markup language as a response to ~~said the~~ request for a network resource.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining whether ~~said the~~ request for ~~said the~~ network resource was a first request for ~~said the~~ network resource.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining whether ~~said the~~ request for ~~said the~~ network resource was a first request for ~~said the~~ network resource or whether a web server operative to provide ~~said the~~ network resource was reset since the last time ~~said the~~ network resource was accessed.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein ~~said the~~ survey database further comprises data indicating how ~~said the~~ input fields for each question should be displayed.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 4, wherein ~~said~~ the survey database further comprises data indicating a sequence for ~~said~~ the one or more questions and wherein ~~said~~ the one or more questions are ordered according to ~~said~~ the sequence when ~~said~~ the class file is executed.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 5, wherein ~~said~~ the survey database further comprises data indicating whether each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions should be included in ~~said~~ the electronic survey and wherein ~~said~~ the class file does not generate markup language for each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions not to be included in ~~said~~ the survey when executed.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 6, wherein ~~said~~ the survey database further comprises an application name corresponding to ~~said~~ the electronic survey, a form name, and a version number.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 7, wherein ~~said~~ the request is received at a web server computer maintaining ~~said~~ the network resource from a web browser.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein ~~said~~ the web server computer is operative to receive response data corresponding to ~~said~~ the input fields and to store ~~said~~ the response data in a database.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer system for conducting an online survey comprising one or more questions, ~~said~~ the computer system comprising:

a survey database comprising ~~said~~ the one or more questions and data identifying a type of input field for each question;

a network resource including ~~said~~ the electronic survey; and

a software component for receiving and responding to requests for ~~said~~ the network resource, ~~said~~ the software component operative to determine whether a previously compiled

class file should be utilized to respond to a request for ~~said~~ the network resource, to create an executable class file capable of generating markup language for displaying ~~said~~ the questions and ~~said~~ the input fields in a web browser in response to determining that a previously compiled class file should not be utilized, to execute ~~said~~ the class file, and to respond to ~~said~~ the request with ~~said~~ the markup language generated by the execution of ~~said~~ the class file.

11. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 10, wherein determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized comprises determining whether ~~said~~ the request for ~~said~~ the network resource was a first request for ~~said~~ the network resource or whether ~~said~~ the software component was reset since a previous request for ~~said~~ the network resource.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 11, wherein ~~said~~ the survey database further comprises data indicating how ~~said~~ the input fields for each question should be displayed.

13. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 12, wherein survey database further comprises data indicating a sequence for ~~said~~ the one or more questions and wherein ~~said~~ the one or more questions are ordered according to ~~said~~ the sequence when ~~said~~ the class file is executed.

14. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 13, wherein ~~said~~ the survey database further comprises data indicating whether each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions should be included in ~~said~~ the electronic survey and wherein ~~said~~ the class file does not generate markup language for each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions not to be included in ~~said~~ the survey when executed.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

determine whether a request has been received for a network resource that includes an electronic survey;

in response to determining that a request for ~~said~~ the network resource has been received, determining whether a previously compiled class file should be utilized to respond to ~~said~~ the request;

in response to determining that a previously compiled class file should not be utilized, creating an executable class file capable of retrieving one or more questions and corresponding input fields from a survey database and generating content capable of displaying ~~said~~ the questions and ~~said~~ the input fields in a web browser; and

executing ~~said~~ the class file and transmitting ~~said~~ the content generated by ~~said~~ the class file in response to ~~said~~ the request.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 15, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

execute ~~said~~ the previously compiled class file in response to determining that ~~said~~ the previously compiled class file should be utilized and responding to ~~said~~ the request with content generated by ~~said~~ the previously compiled class file.

17. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 16, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

utilize ~~said~~ the previously compiled class file if ~~said~~ the request for ~~said~~ the network resource is not a first request for ~~said~~ the network resource and if a software component for receiving ~~said~~ the request has not been reset since a previous request for ~~said~~ the network resource.

18. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 17, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

retrieve data from ~~said~~ the survey database indicating whether each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions should be included in ~~said~~ the response to ~~said~~ the request; and to

create ~~said~~ the class file in such a manner as to cause ~~said~~ the class file only to generate content for displaying each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions to be included in ~~said~~ the response.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

retrieve data from ~~said~~ the survey database indicating a sequence for each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions; and to

create ~~said~~ the class file in such a manner as to cause ~~said~~ the class file to generate content for displaying each of ~~said~~ the one or more questions according to ~~said~~ the sequence specified by ~~said~~ the survey database.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of Claim 19, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to:

receive response data corresponding to ~~said~~ the input fields and to store ~~said~~ the response data in a database.

21. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein causing the computer to retrieve data from the survey database indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be included in the response to the request comprises causing the computer to retrieve only data from the survey database associated with a requested version of the electronic survey.

22. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein causing the computer to retrieve data from the survey database indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be included in the response to the request comprises causing the computer to retrieve only data from the survey database associated with a requested form name.

23. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein causing the computer to retrieve data from the survey database indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be included in the response to the request comprises causing the computer to retrieve only data from the survey database associated with a requested software application.

24. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 18, wherein causing the computer to retrieve data from the survey database indicating whether each of the one or more questions should be included in the response to the request comprises causing the computer to retrieve only data from the survey database associated with an indicator that the data is active.

25. (New) The computer-readable medium of Claim 20, further comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed by a computer, cause the computer to store the response data in a table within the database such that the response data is associated with each corresponding question.